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Mr. James Roderick
Wetmore, Kansas

Dear James:

Last year Mr. Frank Mandeville spoke to me regarding your academic and athletic ability. He said then that you were a very promising junior and would make a fine student at the University of Kansas. Mr. Mandeville dropped in again today and mentioned the fact that you were interested in the University. He told me that you had saved up some money to be used as a nestegg in helping you through the University.

It is such students as you that we are interested in. The boy who is a good student and a good athlete, who will train, is the fellow that we like to work with. We hire a good many students in the Physical Education Department, some working in the towel room, and we pay 35¢ an hour. We generally find that it is easy enough for a fellow to work two hours a day and still carry a full academic load of 15 hours, and then that leaves Saturday open so that a boy can do extra work on that day. I tell any student that if he has \$150.00 or \$200.00 as a nestegg and has the energy to work and the ability to make grades, that there is no question about his ability to go through college here and graduate.

I do not know what special course you are interested in, but I am asking our Registrar to send you the catalogs of the University of Kansas so you may study them.

Now this is the point that I wish to bring up. Many boys read about the University of Kansas Basketball Team and become afraid that they cannot make the team. I want you to know that most of our star players have come from small schools in Kansas. I much prefer a boy from a small school than a large one because the smaller schools really develop athletes who train better than the larger ones. There are too many diversions in the larger places.